(d) area of low production alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As against the crude oil production of 16.18 Million Metric Tonne (MMT) in the first half (April-Sept., 2000) of 2000-01, the production during the first half (April-Sept., 2001) of the current year 2001-02 has been 15.71 MMT.

(c) The details are given below:

(Oil Production in Million Metric Tonnes)

	2000-01 (Apr. 2000-Sep. 2000)	2001-02 (Apr. 2001-Sept, 2001)
Target	16.057	16.419
Actual	16.179	15.712
%achievement	99.25%	95.67%

(d) The main areas of low production are:

(i) Western offshore; where due to planned shutdown of MHN platform which had to be extended, resulting in the shortfall in production; and

(ii) North-Eastern Region, where land acquisition problems and environmental problems, like bandhs, strikes, etc, effect the exploration / production activities.

LPG cylinder orders placed by IOC and BPC

265. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item "High Court Ka Aadesh Bhi Nahin Mana Petroleum Mantralya Ne" which appeared in Jansatta dated the 25th September, 2001 regarding order of LPG cylinders by IOC and BPC;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the details of the first time bedders and quantum of orders placed on them;

(d) whether IOC has placed 30% of their order on one bidder only when there were more than 100 eligible bidders; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Oil Marketing Companies are in the process of finalisation of tender floated by them for procurement of LPG cylinders. At present the matter is *sub- judice* in view of the various Writ Petition filed by tenderers in various High Courts. However, earlier IOCL & BPCL have placed the cylinder orders on some eligible tenderers as per the procedure approved by Hon'ble Delhi High Court *vide* its interim order of dated 24.8.2001. The names of Units (first time bidders) alongwith the quantity of orders placed on them by IOCL are given in the Statement enclosed.

Statement

List of first time bidders and quantity of orders placed

Sl. No.	Name of the Bidder	Quantity of Order
1.	Khara Gas Equipt. (P) Ltd.	1,77,431
2.	Kurnool Cyl. (P) Ltd. (Unit-II)	2,40,496
3.	Pankaj Gas Cylinder (Unit-II)	1,52,456
4.	Sanuj Steel (P) Ltd	9,52,085
5.	S. M. Cylinders	3,68,640
6.	M. M. Cylinders	1,82,473
7.	Winfab Equipt. Ltd.	96,300
8.	Verny Engineers (P) Ltd.	1,90,532

Restriction on import of petroleum product

†266. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to restrict the import of petroleum products;

(b) whether it is a fact that the import of petroleum products is growing due to the constant increase in the demand of petroleum products against the production of crude oil in the country; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.